

itself in autumn & vegetating then like
several do, under favourable circumstances
& other annual sp., though flowering the
2nd year? G. longiflora would
be very desirable.

I await thy order to send the
£70, when the seasons supply
is shipped. I think I can
plan work for Dr. P. for all
next year, or at least a good
deal of it!

Believe me very sincerely
thy fr^d J. A. Backhouse

York 25/10 mo 1872
Dear Dr. Gray

My last communication
from Dr. Parry was dated "Sep. 6
Empire City".

I am in receipt of thine dated
"Oct 11," enclosing another fine
packet of Aquilegia Lptocera
for which I am very much
obliged. Although I should
have been glad of more roots of
Primula Parryi (from the circum-
stances that we could have sold
them next year), yet I hope we
shall get a nice lot from seed
for the sale of 1874.

Although I hope the plan
of nursing the plants for a
few weeks at the Botanic Gar-

leus may not do much harm, yet I confess that I do not think it a good plan.

When a plant is disposed to rot & turn mouldy after a long journey, it is quite right to excavate & repack with fresh moss. The very process of exposing to the air & turning over is beneficial. But where vitality is low, it is most dangerous to excite the feeble remains of life, then subject the plants to a second shock. It is safer to repack at once in drier material & forward direct. I fear that the longer they are exposed & the worse will be their fitness for a second journey, unless

kept till next summer, which would hardly be desirable? I feel no doubt in recommending that everything alive should be forwarded immediately on receipt from Dr. Parry (after being overhauled as proposed). So far as our experience goes, they turn as well in common moss as in Sphagnum, provided they are not suddenly compressed, & the moss pretty dry.

Aulacomaria leucatosa is an abundant plant in England. We have sent it to your neighbourhood already! - to Mr. Sargent, of Fishkill on Hudson.

Gilia aggregata would be a desirable plant. Is it not an annual, rather than (D)?, sowing